

TOWN OF LOS GATOS
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SUMMARY MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2009, HELD IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 110 E MAIN STREET, LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by Chair Bob Cowan.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Bob Cowan, Charles Erektion, Len Pacheco
Members Absent: John Almash, Phil Micciche
Staff Present: Suzanne Davis, Associate Planner; Jennifer Savage, Planner

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ITEM 1: 16610 FERRIS AVENUE

The Committee considered a request to remove the pre-1941 single family residence from the Historic Resources Inventory (the Committee previously considered a request to demolish the residence at its October 21, 2009 meeting). Designer Glenn Cahoon was present, representing the property owners.

Following a brief discussion, *Charles Erektion* made a motion to remove the property from the Historic Resources Inventory, making the following findings:

1. The building is not associated with any events that have made a significant contribution to the Town.
2. No significant persons are associated with the site.
3. There are no distinctive characteristics of type, period or method of construction or representation of work of a master. Any historic architectural significance the structure may have had is gone due to the additions and modifications.
4. Does not yield information important to the Town's history.

The motion was seconded by *Len Pacheco* and passed unanimously (3-0).

ITEM 2 322 UNIVERSITY AVENUE

Guy Denuet, Architect, presented the plans, explaining that the corner post of the side porch is sinking and needs to be replaced and a foundation added. The porch railing will be raised to meet current Building Code requirements (48-inches) and will be changed to an open-style design that is more in keeping with the architecture of the house. The railing for the stairs to the porch above will also be changed to be of the same design. The side steps will be eliminated so they do not encroach into the side yard and there is better access around the house.

Len Pacheco made a motion to approve the plans, finding that the porch repair is consistent with the house style and appropriate for the University Edelen Historic District.

The motion was seconded by *Charles Erikson* and passed unanimously (3-0).

ITEM 3: OTHER BUSINESS

- 16230 Shannon Road – Request to amend the LHP overlay zone to allow an existing gravel driveway to be preserved.

Valerie Tamasi stated that work is in progress on the property. She and her husband are the new owners. They would like to maintain the existing gravel driveway instead of using interlocking pavers as shown on the building permit plans. Photos of other historic properties with gravel driveways were provided to the Committee in support of the request.

Jennifer Savage explained that the Town Code does not expressly allow gravel driveways and the only option is to amend the LHP overlay zone to permit the driveway to remain in its present state. The owners presented two options, one for retention of the gravel driveway as it exists, and one that would require installation of concrete ribbons with the gravel surrounding. The two options are both acceptable to the Committee.

Bob Cowan noted that the gravel driveway was likely there when the property was designated as historic and the LHP zone was established.

The Committee felt that the gravel surface is very appropriate for the property and site, and would like to expedite approval of the request. *Charles Erikson* suggested that staff be directed to bring this matter back as a consent item if the owners decide to pursue a Code amendment. The Committee agreed.

ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Charles Erikson made a motion to approve the minutes of October 21, 2009 as submitted. The motion was seconded by *Len Pacheco* and approved unanimously (3-0).

ITEM 5: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 P.M. to the next regular meeting on December 17, 2009.

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